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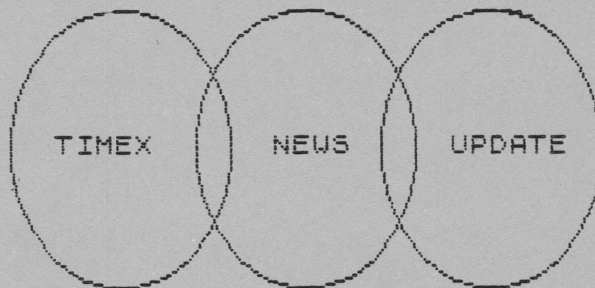
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If the print in this column seems different from usual, it is because this article is being produced on the new 2068 computer from Timex. Sam Barron has received two sample machines from corporate headquarters and he has graciously allowed TIMELINEZ to borrow one. This is probably the first published matter in the world to be produced on the 2068. Once again TIMELINEZ is on the leading edge of technology.

There is not too much more to report on new products other than what was listed in our last issue. It seems pretty certain that the 2068 will be the only model sold and that the 2048 has been scrapped. This probably makes a lot of sense when you consider the realities of the current marketplace.

Much attention has been focused on the bank switching feature of the 2068. Bank switching gives the computer the ability to access up to 256\*64K. This works out to 16 million bytes of memory. For practical purposes this means that you can exit a program and instantly access an external ROM memory for any purpose before returning to your program.

The tape handling capabilities of the 2068 have been greatly improved over those of the TS1000. Load and save is much quicker (about 5 times the speed of the 1000) and a good load is achieved almost every try. The keys are made out of hard plastic and have a very good "feel".

Although the suggested retail price for the 2068 is \$199.99, it is already listed in the new BEST catalog for \$148.32. BEST says that it will not be available in their stores until November.

Sunset Electronics in San Francisco is having a special TIMEX Demonstration Week celebration on Sep. 17-25. They plan to have a TIMEX representative on hand to answer questions and demonstrate products. Please see their ad for more details.

One final note. The 2068 has already been on display at both the Peninsula and the South Bay user group meetings. The next chance to view it will be on Sept. 15 at the East Bay meeting. All are invited to come.

TIMELINEZ (C) IS THE JOINT PUBLICATION OF THREE TIMEX/SINCLAIR USER GROUPS IN THE SAN FRANCISCO / OAKLAND BAY AREA. OLD AND NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME - SO ARE HARDWARE, SOFTWARE, AND COMPUTER BEGINNERS. SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

SOUTH BAY	LAST TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27 OCTOBER 25
PENINSULA (PUG)	THIRD SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18 OCTOBER 16
EAST BAY (EBZUG)	THIRD THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 15 OCTOBER 20

AMATEUR RADIO  
BY: TEDDY E. HELDERMAN

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For those interested in using their ZX80/81 or Timex/Sinclair TS1000 computer in conjunction with their amateur radio equipment should send for a copy of QZX. This is a newsletter devoted to the use of the Timex/Sinclair Computers in conjunction with amateur radio.

Write to QZX 2025 O'Donnell Drive, Las Cruces, NM88001; Subscription price is \$12.00/yr.

TimelineZ Members who are interested in amateur radio in conjunction with their Timex/sinclair computers should contact George Knighton, KB6WA after the general meeting SBZUG or call him at (415) 657-5347.

For those who are interested there is a ZX80/81, TS1000 Amateur Radio Network that meets on the following schedule:

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2.	3.980MH	0100Z	Sat N3CJP
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5.	14.345MH	0100Z	Thu NU4V
6.	14.329MH	2000Z	Sun W9CQD
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## TELL TIME X CONTEST RESULTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO DENNIS PARKER, KENDRIC SMITH, CHAS. SIIVASLIAN, JEFF BRAUN, SCOTT OLDENDORPH, AND NICK CARACAL FOR THEIR ENTRIES IN OUR CONTEST. SINCE WE HAD A SMALLER THAN EXPECTED RESPONSE, WE HAVE DECIDED TO AWARD 4 S/W TAPES TO EACH OF THOSE LISTED ABOVE.

IF EACH OF YOU WOULD SEND TIME-LINEZ YOUR CHOICE OF TIME X TITLES ALONG WITH A COUPLE OF ALTERNATIVE CHOICES, WE WILL TRY TO HAVE YOUR PRIZES AT YOUR NEXT LOCAL USER GROUP MEETING. WE HAVE LISTED SOME OF THE ENTRIES BELOW AND WE WILL TRY TO LIST THE REST IN THE NEXT ISSUE. THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.

DEAR TIMELINEZ,

ONE OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS FACING THE COMPUTER INDUSTRY IS POOR DOCUMENTATION. WITH THE INTEREST IN COMPUTERS GROWING, PRODUCTS ARE BEING PURCHASED NOT ONLY BY ENGINEERS AND COMPUTER SCIENTISTS, BUT ALSO BY EVERYDAY PEOPLE LOOKING FOR SOFTWARE THAT WILL HELP THEM DO SOME SORT OF WORK OR PLAY AN EXCITING GAME.

WHEN A NEW COMPUTER USER APPROACHES A SOFTWARE DISPLAY, HE VIEWS A NUMBER OF CASSETTES WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE THAT CANNOT BE OPENED. IF YOU READ THE OUTSIDE LETTERING, IT MAY ONLY SAY SOMETHING LIKE "ORGANIZER, 16K RAM", WHICH DOESN'T TELL MUCH ABOUT WHAT THE PROGRAM DOES. BECAUSE OF A LACK OF INFORMATION ON THE OUTSIDE, COMBINED WITH A LACK OF FAMILIARITY ON THE PART OF THE SALES PEOPLE, I HAVE PASSED UP LOTS OF SOFTWARE THAT I WAS INTERESTED IN.

THERE'S ROOM ON THE CASSETTE TO PUT SOME INFORMATION--WHAT THE SOFTWARE WILL DO, HOW MUCH DATA CAN BE PUT INTO THE FILES, WHAT THE SCREEN DISPLAY LOOKS LIKE, ETC. IF MORE ROOM IS NEEDED FOR INFORMATION OR ILLUSTRATIONS, A LARGER CARDBOARD BOX CAN BE BUILT AROUND THE CASSETTE, MUCH LIKE SOME OF THE MUSIC VENDORS DO.

I THINK THE DOCUMENTATION FOUND INSIDE THE PACKAGE OF MOST PROGRAMS COULD ALSO STAND SOME IMPROVEMENT. IT NEEDS TO BE FRIENDLY AND COMPLETE, TELLING THE USER NOT ONLY HOW TO GET IT STARTED, BUT ALSO WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET STUCK OR HOW TO EXIT WITHOUT LOSING YOUR DATA.

SINCERELY,  
DENNIS J. PARKER

DEAR TIMELINEZ,

MY IDEA FOR TIME X WOULD BE AN ADD ON MODULE THAT WOULD HAVE 64KB, A 4 LINE 32 CHARACTER LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY, AND A BATTERY BACK-UP. THIS WOULD MAKE THE TIME X A TRULY PORTABLE MACHINE THAT NEEDS NO MONITOR OR TV.

JEFF BRAUN

THE FOLLOWING EXCERPTS ARE TAKEN FROM AN ENTRY WHICH WAS TOO LONG TO REPRODUCE FULLY:

DEAR TIME X:

...TIME X DOESN'T KNOW WHAT IT IS DOING. I CALLED THE 800 NUMBER RECENTLY TO FIND SUPPLIERS OF PRINTER PAPER IN THE BAY AREA. AFTER A LONG PAUSE, THE PERSON GAVE ME THE NAMES OF SEVERAL STORES. WHEN I CALLED THEM I FOUND THAT THEY DON'T EVEN CARRY THE COMPUTER ANYMORE, MUCH LESS THE PAPER. SUNSET ELECTRONICS WAS NOT MENTIONED.

THE TIME X DISPLAY HAS BEEN UP FOR WEEKS AT THE PAYLESS STORE IN MENLO PARK, BUT IT IS NOT FUNCTIONAL. WHEN THE EMPORIUM DID HAVE A DISPLAY, THERE WERE NO INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO USE IT, AND THE SALESPERSON HAD NO KNOWLEDGE ABOUT IT.

THERE SHOULD BE A GRAPHICS PROGRAM RUNNING ON THE SCREEN, WITH A FREQUENT PAUSE TO INVITE A CUSTOMER TO ENTER SOME INFORMATION TO WHICH THE COMPUTER THEN RESPONDS, EG., GIVE YOUR AGE, HEIGHT, SEX AND THE COMPUTER RESPONDS WITH WHAT YOUR WEIGHT SHOULD BE. THEN THE SALESMAN ONLY NEEDS TO KNOW HOW TO LOAD THE PROGRAM EACH DAY.

MAYBE TIME X SHOULD GO BACK TO THE ORIGINAL ADS THAT SINCLAIR USED--"LEARN HOW TO PROGRAM A COMPUTER. AFTER YOU FINISH THE COURSE YOU GET TO KEEP THE COMPUTER." THIS IS WHAT SOLD ME.

I HOPE THAT THESE COMMENTS WILL BE USEFUL.

SINCERELY YOURS,  
KENDRIC C. SMITH

FINALLY, TIMELINEZ THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ENTRY EVEN THOUGH IT WAS RECEIVED ANONYMOUSLY AND THEREFORE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A PRIZE:

DEAR TIMELINEZ,

WE THINK THAT TIME X SHOULD GIVE A FREE 2068 COMPUTER TO EVERYONE WHO WORKS ON THE STAFF OF THE TIMELINEZ NEWSLETTER. THIS WOULD ENCOURAGE GOODWILL BETWEEN TIME X CORP. AND THOSE WHO WORK SO HARD TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN INTEREST FOR THE TIME X COMPUTERS. THANKS.

## PUG NEWS

WELL, WE FINALLY SAW IT AT OUR LAST MEETING. I/M TALKING ABOUT THE NEW 2068 COLOR COMPUTER OF COURSE. SAM BARRON OF TIMEX CORP. LOANED US A DEMO. MACHINE THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FROM HEADQUARTERS. I HAD TO PROMISE TO GUARD IT WITH MY LIFE BECAUSE IT WAS THE ONLY ONE HE HAD AT THE TIME.

EVERYTHING WENT WELL HOWEVER, AND WE WERE ALL FAVORABLY IMPRESSED. THANKS SAM, FOR GIVING PUG THE FIRST CHANCE TO EXAMINE THE 2068 IN THE BAY AREA. IF YOU MISSED THE MEETING, WE WILL TRY TO GET IT AGAIN NEXT MONTH.

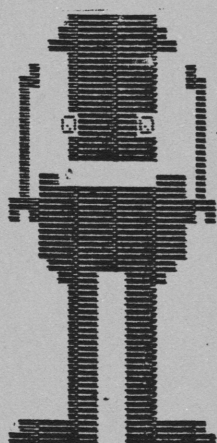
I WAS HAPPY TO SEE SOME NEW PEOPLE AT OUR LAST MEETING AND I HOPE THAT WE WILL BE PICKING UP MORE MEMBERS NOW THAT SUMMER IS ALMOST OVER. BE SURE AND TELL YOUR TIMEX FRIENDS ABOUT OUR GROUP.

PUG WILL BE HOSTING A BAY WIDE MEETING OF ALL THE USER GROUPS ON OCT. 16TH. THIS WILL BE ON OUR REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR OCT. SO PUG MEMBERS WILL NOT HAVE TO MAKE ANY SPECIAL PLANS. WE WILL START AN HOUR EARLY THOUGH. LET ME KNOW IF YOU WANT TO DISPLAY SOMETHING OR MAKE A PRESENTATION AT THIS EVENT.

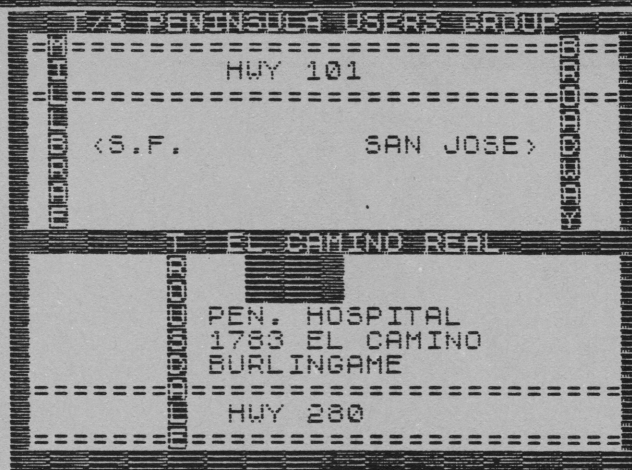
WOULD ANYONE OUT THERE LIKE TO TAKE OVER MY JOB AS CO-ORDINATOR FOR TIMELINEZ? TAKING CARE OF PUG AND THE S/W LIBRARY AS WELL AS WORKING ON TIMELINEZ IS GETTING TO BE A BIT MUCH. I WOULD BE GLAD TO SPEND AS MUCH TIME WITH A NEW PERSON AS IT TAKES TO BREAK HIM OR HER IN. THIS OFFER APPLIES TO ALL THE GROUPS. ANY VOLUNTEERS? YOU WOULD BE WORKING WITH SOME GOOD PEOPLE.

I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL SEP. 18TH.

*George*



YOU CAN BE PART OF THE  
fun as well.



MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH. 1 P.M. SEP. 18TH

\*\*SPECIAL JOINT MEET. OCT. 16\*\*  
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### SEE YOU AT THE NEXT MEETING

ATTENTION ALL BAY AREA USER GROUP MEMBERS.

THE PENINSULA GROUP WILL HOST OUR THIRD JOINT GET-TOGETHER ON SUN. OCT. 16TH. ALL USER GROUP MEMBERS ARE INVITED.

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LEARNING Z80  
ASSEMBLY LANGUAGE  
PROGRAMMING PART 3

In previous articles we discussed the registers, hex numbers, and wrote a routine to print a message to the screen. In this article we will take a look at a few principles involved with writing loops and accessing tables. Load the basic program from article two of this series, (Vol 1 Iss. 2), write to 4002h. Enter the hex codes in the left column.

```
21 C8 40      START    LD      HL, TABLE
```

First we want to load the variable PNTR (pointer), with the address of TABLE. PNTR will always hold the current address in TABLE of the byte we want to access. The most convenient way of loading a memory location with a value is to load a 16-bit register pair with this value.

```
22 C8 40      LD      (PNTR), HL
```

Then loading the 16-bit address with the value in the register pair. We need to do this because there is no simple instruction to load a memory location directly with data.

```
2A C8 40      HKPT     LD      HL, (PNTR)
```

This is the beginning a routine to access a single byte of 8-bit data from a table. PNTR is a program variable that we will use to keep track of the address of the next byte to access.

```
7E           LD      A, (HL)
```

Load the accumulator with the contents of the address pointed to by the HL register pair.

```
23           INC     HL
```

Increment PNTR to the next address in the table

```
22 C8 40      LD      (PNTR), HL
```

The last two instructions updated PNTR, and stored the value back in PNTR. It is very important to make sure all pointers, registers are updated, before continuing operations in general.

```
FE FF        CP      FF
```

We will place the byte FF at the end of our table. This will provide us a means of stopping execution of the program. In this format we can have a table of any length and not have to change the code. We only have to remember to place FF at the end.

```
C8           RET     Z
```

The way out, if the contents of the accumulator and the contents of address pointed to by HL are the same the zero flag is set (1) and we will return to basic. Of course we could CALL this routine from another program and this

instruction will return us to our program instead of BASIC.

```
FE 18        CP      18
```

The next test we will perform will be to see if the contents of A is larger than 18h, which is the last line on the screen.

```
D2 98 40     JP      NC, HKPT
```

If the byte from the table is less than 18h then the CARRY flag is set (1) and the program continues. Likewise, if the byte from the table is larger than 18h, the CARRY flag will be reset (0). We will then jump to location HKPT and get the next byte from the table.

```
47           LD      B, A
```

The byte we got from TABLE will be used as a counter for a loop that will enable us to get the starting address in the display file.

```
2A 0C 40     LD      HL, (400C)
```

This begins the initialization section of the next loop.

```
23 11 21 00   INC     HL  
LD      DE, 0021
```

21h is the length of one line in the display file.

```
19           ADD     HL, DE
```

This is the processing portion of the addition loop. To get the address for the program we add hl, de times the number we got from TABLE.

```
10 FD        DJNZ     ADDP
```

Do it until register B = 0

```
06 20        INITL   LD      B, 20
```

Now we will begin to draw the line at the address produced from the previous loop. B now equals the number of characters to draw.

```
23 35 00     INTP     INC     HL  
LD      HL, (HL), 00
```

We are at the processing section of the drawing loop. Here we are loading the 8-bit location, addressed by the register pair HL, with the data 00h, which is the TIXEX character code for an inverse space. We could change this to any character we wished.

```
CD BC 40     CALL    TLOOP
```

CALL if you remember is like GOSUB in basic. That is, we will goto TLOOP and then return to the next instruction. We need to have a timing loop here so we can see what happens on the screen. You could change the value in TLOOP later

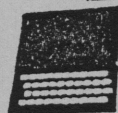
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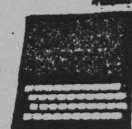
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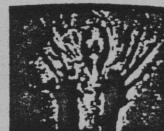
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WITH THE COMPUTER. OPERATIONS  
WHICH ARE NOT DISCUSSED IN THE  
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--WALTER MILLER

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and see what happens.

10 F8 DJNZ INLP

This instruction decrements register B, that we previously loaded, then tests the zero flag. If zero = 0 (not zero) then we go back to INLP. If zero = 1 then we continue to the following instruction. DJNZ is what is called a jump relative instruction. Jump relative instructions do not jump to an absolute address, they jump a set amount of STEPS forward or backward. Toni Baker's book Mastering Machine Code on your ZX81 has an excellent description and a table of relative jumps. The subject is a lengthy one and we do not have the space here to do it justice.

06 20	SECLP	LD	B,20
36 00	SLOP	LD	(HL),0
28		DEC	HL
C0 BC 40		CALL	TLOOP
10 F8		DJNZ	SLOP
36 00		LD	(HL),0
		JP	NXTPT

This is the reverse of the first loop, undrawing the line that we wrote in the first.

C5	TLOOP	PUSH	BC
01 00 01		LD	BC,0150
06	TLOP	DEC	BC
78		LD	A,B
81		OR	C
C2 C0 40		JP	NZ,TLOP
C1		POP	BC
C9		RET	

This is a 16-bit timing loop. That is it can handle timings of up to 65536 decimal. If BC equals 0000 when entering it will start at FFFFh because the first instruction of TLOP decrements BC.

00 00 PNTR

This is the location of PNTR. It is merely a memory location we will use to store the table pointer. We must reserve two bytes of space here for it, so enter two bytes of zero's here.

00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 TABLE

Here enter any amount of zeros to accomodate the length of the table you wish to create. You may load the table later by writing to address 40CA.

BE SURE TO PLACE AN FFh AFTER YOUR TABLE !!!

This program can be used as a subroutine in a game. One way would be to add another test (CP) for your character, a particular object etc. You could also have your program write the table and then entering with CALL.

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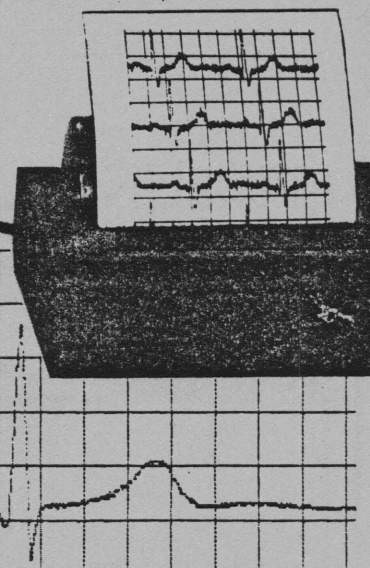
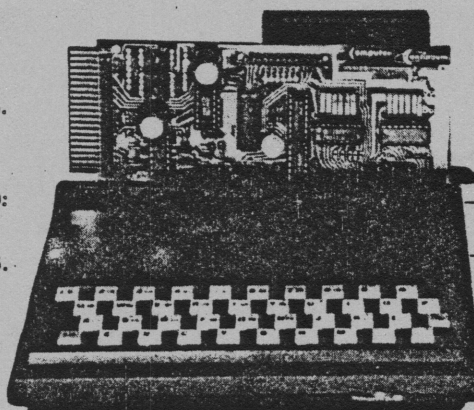
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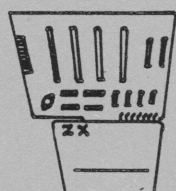
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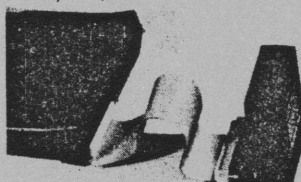


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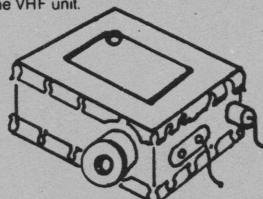
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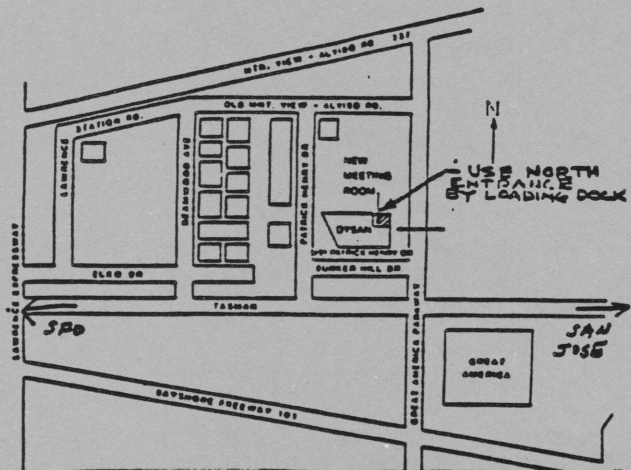
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